

Dear FCC and Appointed Representatives,

I am honored to take this opportunity to speak on behalf of Air1

Christian radio station, and Christian radio stations around the

country. Although honored, I write to you as a concerned

listener and Christian radio supporter because the new measures

that being purposed will adversely affect the positive work these

ministries are doing in my life, and the countless lives of people

around the country.

Requiring advisory boards and appointed representatives to

oversee the decisions of these ministries will compromise the

work being done in local communities. People on these advisory

panels will have ideological differences that significantly

influence their decisions. Please consider the transformational

work these stations are doing in communities through the power

of radio. Please do not the threat of ideological differences to

hinder the good work currently being performed over the radio

waves.

Also, REQUIRING additional staffing will greatly hinder

smaller Christian radio stations from remaining viable due to

increased overhead. I understand the concern of creating jobs

for the unemployed, but what the stations offer is remedy

much greater than these people ever receive from a paycheck.

Please allow Christian radio to remain competitive by
NOT
requiring increased labor overhead.

And regarding the prioritization of Low Power FM
(LPFM)
stations: please do not place regulations on determining
which
stations will and will not receive priority for two
reasons. First,
stations need to stay competitive. Irregaurdless of their
status,
please do not alter the competitive field among radio
stations
and their translator stations. Secondly, this would
adversely
affect Christian radio from entering smaller
communities where
drug use, prostitution, teenage pregnancy, etc are
rampent AND
where the Good News of Jesus Christ are needed the
most.
If this section of the regulation passes, many translators
of
stations like Air1 will have to be discontinued and their
message
that gives people hope will also cease.

This issue has taken priority for me, and I hope you will
consider
these thoughts from a man who was facing death, but
was saved
by the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ. I'd like to
leave you
with the words that have profoundly changed my life;
the hope
reflected by Christian radio around the country:

"Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

"T'was Grace that taught my heart to fear.

And Grace, my fears relieved.
How precious did that Grace appear
The hour I first believed.

"Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis Grace that brought me safe thus far
and Grace will lead me home.

"The Lord has promised good to me.
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.

"Yea, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil,
A life of joy and peace.

"When we've been here ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun.
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun."

John Newton - former slave driver, saved and redeemed
by the
Gospel of Christ